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MARIA CAMACHO-TERAN SENTENCED IN AUSTIN BROTHEL CASE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that Maria Camacho-Teran, a native of Venezuela living in Woodbridge, Virginia, was sentenced this morning to 97 months in federal prison for her leadership role in a prostitution ring operating in Austin.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Sam Sparks fined Camacho-Teran \$100,000 and ordered her to be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing her prison term. Judge Sparks also granted a \$200,000 monetary judgement as part of a criminal forfeiture against Camacho-Teran representing the criminally derived proceeds of the brothel operation.

On February 2, 2007, Camacho-Teran pleaded guilty to one count each of interstate transportation for prostitution, conspiracy to smuggle, transport and harbor illegal aliens for financial gain and harboring aliens for prostitution.

Camacho-Teran is the sixth defendant to be sentenced to federal prison in this case. Two other co-defendants have been convicted and are awaiting sentencing: Francisco Castillo-Celaya is scheduled to be sentenced at 1:30pm on April 26, 2007; and, Jose Cedeno-Zetina (aka "Antonio Cedeno-Zetina") is scheduled to be sentenced at 9:00am on May 4, 2007.

Bertha Jiminez (aka "Norma"), Cecilia Maria Roberson (aka "Maria Perez" and "Lila") and Emilio Castillo-Celaya remain fugitives in this case.

The defendants were involved in the prostitution ring from November 2002 to June 29, 2006. On June 29, 2006, law enforcement raids were conducted by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Internal Revenue Service on brothels operating in Austin, Dallas and Oklahoma City.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division together with assistance from local law enforcement. The case is being prosecuted on behalf of the government by Assistant United States Attorney Gerald C. Carruth.

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